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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 12

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BILL AMENDED: Jan 6, 2005

SUBJECT: "Code Adam" Program to Locate Missing Children.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Zakas

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Administration to adopt rules to establish and implement a "Code Adam" protocol for lost or missing children in certain state buildings.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The increase in cost to the Department of Administration (DOA) from establishing and implementing this protocol is indeterminable, but likely to be met through the use of existing staff and resources. The State Police Department (SPD) should also be able to cover the additional costs through the use of existing staff and resources.

This bill requires the DOA to establish and implement a "Code Adam" safety protocol at the buildings that (1) the DOA maintains, equips, or operates and (2) are open to the public. The buildings that fall under these provisions include the Government Center South, the Government Center North, the State Library, the Historical Society, the Washington St. parking garage, and the Senate Ave. parking garage.

Background: The bill requires that the DOA adopt rules which must include the following:

- (1) Procedures for a state employee to follow when someone notifies a state employee that a child is lost or missing. These procedures must include obtaining a description of the lost or missing child as well as identifying the person in the DOA that the state employee is to contact.
- (2) Procedures for the DOA contact person to follow after being notified of a lost or missing child.
- (3) Procedures for the DOA's employees to search the building in which the lost or missing child is presumed to be located.

(4) Procedures for the DOA's employees to contact law enforcement if the lost or missing child is not found.

The DOA's increase in cost in adopting rules for a "Code Adam" safety protocol could be met through the use of existing staff and resources. The increase in cost to the DOA from implementation of these rules is indeterminable, but also likely to be met through the use of existing staff and resources. The DOA must adopt rules that when implemented meet the procedural requirements listed above. The cost of implementation is thus dependant upon how the DOA chooses to meet those requirements.

The SPD is currently charged with maintaining security at the state capitol building and state office buildings. The assumption is that any SPD costs associated with a "Code Adam" protocol would be covered through the staff and resources currently used in maintaining security at these facilities.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; State Police Department.

Local Agencies Affected:

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